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FOR EA/PRCM THAYER

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.), CH, US

SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO PRC

REF: STATE 183312

1. WE HAVE NOT AS YET HAD ANY CONCRETE INDICATION AS TO CHINESE THINKING ON THE SECRETARY'S PROGRAM. THEY APPEAR TO BE GETTING A LITTLE EDGY ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE: TING YUAN-HUNG ASKED AGAIN TODAY FOR INFORMATION ON THE SECRETARY'S PLANE. WE PRESUME THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE TIME OF ARRIVAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO FIX THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS.

2. ASSUMING THAT THE PARTY OVERNIGHTS IN TOKYO ON AUGUST 21 AND ARRIVES AT MIDDAY AUGUST 22, THERE WILL PROBABLY BE A WELCOMING BANQUET THAT NIGHT. BASED ON PAST PRECEDENT OUR RETURN BANQUET WILL TAKE PLACE ON AUGUST 25. ON EITHER AUGUST 23 OR 24 AMBASSADOR WOODCOCK WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A RECEPTION FOR THE PARTY AND USLO MEMBERS FOLLOWED BY A WORKING DINNER.

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3. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS OF THE SECRETARY'S PREVIOUS VISIT HERE AS LEADER OF THE WORLD AFFAIRS GROUP IN OCTOBER 1975, HIS SIGHTSEEING IN PEKING WAS LIMITED TO THE GREAT WALL, A COMMUNE AND A NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE. YOU MIGHT WANT TO CHECK WITH ART ROSEN IF THE GROUP WENT ELSEWHERE. IF HE HAS NOT

ALREADY BEEN THERE, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOU
SUGGEST TO HAN HSU THAT HE SEE THE TEMPLE OF
HEAVEN OR THE FORBIDDEN CITY. INCLUDING TRAVEL TIME
FROM THE GUEST HOUSE A TOUR SHOULD NOT REQUIRE MORE THAN TWO HOURS.
IN CASE OF RAIN A FALLBACK MIGHT BE THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM.

4. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES NONE OF THE PRESENT
LEADERSHIP APPEAR TO BE "NIGHT PEOPLE". WE DO NOT
THINK THERE IS MUCH CHANCE THAT THE SECRETARY WILL
BE SUMMONED TO A MIDNIGHT MEETING AS USED TO OCCUR
IN CHOU EN-LAI'S DAYS. MOST OF THE IMPORTANT
MEETINGS IN THE LAST YEAR BETWEEN HUA, YEH, LI HSIEN-
NIEN, CHI TENG-KUEI AND FOREIGN VISITORS HAVE TAKEN
PLACE IN THE LATE AFTERNOON.
WOODCOCK

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